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THE TWO GUERRILLA HELICOPTERS REPORTEDLY OPERATING IN THE A.O. HE ENVISIONED THE NIGHT USE OF HIGH PERFORMANCE AIRCRAFT, EQUIPPED WITH RADAR. THE GENERAL PLANNED TO ORBIT THE AIRCRAFT UNTIL THE HELICOPTERS APPEARED AND THEN DESTROY THEM. THE COMMANDER WAS INFORMED BY THE STAFF THAT HIS REQUEST HAD BEEN FORWARDED TO THE NAVY, BUT AS YET, NO ANSWER HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

2. ~~(C/NFD)~~ ON ANOTHER TOPIC, THE SECOND SOURCE CONFIDED IN RO DURING AN INFORMAL CONVERSATION THAT THE V BRIGADE COMMANDER IN TUCUMAN HAD MADE IT KNOWN TO HIS SUBORDINATE COMMANDERS THAT HE WANTED NO MORE PRISONERS. LAST WEEK A THIRD SOURCE ALSO REMARKED THAT POWS WERE NO LONGER BEING RETAINED IN THE TUCUMAN OPERATION. INSTEAD, THEY ARE THOROUGHLY INTERROGATED AND THEN KILLED

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3. Sec. 3.3(b) (1) ~~(C/NFD)~~ IT IS APPARENT THAT THE EXECUTION OF THE TUCUMAN OPERATION IS A FRUSTRATING EXPERIENCE TO FIELD COMMANDERS. THE REQUEST FOR AIR SUPPORT REFLECTS THE CONTINUING LACK OF JOINT OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES WITHIN THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES. FURTHERMORE, IT IS CURIOUS THAT THE ARMY GENERAL STAFF HAS REQUESTED SUPPORT FROM THE NAVY (PERHAPS IT WAS POLITICALLY MOTIVATED) WHEN THE AIR FORCE HAS AVAIABLE AIRCRAFT IN THE A.O. AT ANY RATE, THE WHOLE CONCEPT OF USING HIGH PERFORMANCE AIRCRAFT FOR NIGHT DETECTION OF HELICOPTERS WITHOUT SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT (LOOKDOWN RADAR OR IR) IS QUESTIONABLE AND TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE NO SUCH HARDWARE EXISTS IN THE ARGENTINE INVENTORY. THIS IS BUT ANOTHER INDICATOR THAT THE ARMY IS GOING TO BE FORCED TO GO IT ALONE WITH LITTLE OR NO SUPPORT FROM THE OTHER SERVICES OR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. WITH REGARD TO PRISONERS, THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THAT FIELD COMMANDERS VIEW THEM AS A LIABILITY. ALTHOUGH COMMANDERS APPARENTLY HAVE NOT RECEIVED OFFICIAL ORDERS TO KILL POW'S, THEY PREFER TO DO SO AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN FULLY EXPLOITED. THERE HAVE BEEN TWO EXPLANATIONS FOR THIS. FIRST, ARGENTINE OFFICERS WOULD RATHER RISK THE EFFECTS OF GUERRILLA PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGNS THAN FACE THE POSSIBILITY OF A DIPLOMATIC KIDNAPPING AND SUBSEQUENT HOSTAGE SITUATIONS. SECOND, THEY BELIEVE THAT LEFTISTS IN THE GOVERNMENT MIGHT EVENTUALLY CAUSE THE RELEASE OF CAPTURED TERRORISTS AND THEY (THE ARMY) WOULD HAVE TO FIGHT THEM AGAIN. NOT ALL ARGENTINE OFFICERS ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH THE PRESENT INTERROGATION METHODS EMPLOYED BY THE TUCUMAN FORCES. SOME INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS BELIEVE THAT THE POW'S

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ARE NOT BEING FULLY EXPLOITED AND MORE PROFESSIONAL TECHNIQUES SHOULD BE USED. THESE DIFFERENCES HAVE CAUSED SOME BITTER EXCHANGES BETWEEN SOME MILITARY OFFICERS. REGARDLESS OF THE METHODS EMPLOYED, THE NET RESULTS LIKELY WILL CAUSE AN EROSION OF THE TERRORIST RECRUITING EFFORT AND A LOWERING OF GUERRILLA MORALE IN THE FIELD.

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